

the carmen to their positions, but we will try to restore government to the people.

"The night," he said, "is backed today not only by the labor unions of this city, but by the labor unions of the country. This is a national fight. The strike is against the Rapid Transit Company. The strike is won."

Mr. Pratt characterized the arrest of John J. Murphy as "a civil outrage." He said if the authorities were consistent Mayor Reubyn should be arrested for a similar offense.

Riots in South Bethlehem.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
South Bethlehem, Pa., February 26.—Two men shot, one fatally, was the result of the first day's encounter between Company B of the Pennsylvania State Constabulary, in command of Captain Robinson, and the strikers at the Bethlehem Steel Works, to-day.

Joe Szabo, a Hungarian, aged forty, was killed by a shot through the head by a State constable. The bullet was not intended for him. He was standing in front of the bar at the Majestic Hotel at the time. The State troopers were ordering the strikers to move on. Bricks and stones and other missiles were thrown.

One of the trooper's horses was struck by the flying missiles and jumped to one side. The angry strikers were closing in on the trooper, when he fired a shot through his revolver, which went wide of his mark, crashing through a window pane at the hotel and imbedding itself in Szabo's head.

The other victim was a Hungarian named Kravatz, the bullet grazing his face. He is reported to have flourished a knife at a trooper. The shot followed.

Upon their arrival this morning in response to the call, the strikers were met by Sheriff Person and General Manager Grace, of the steel company. The troops proceeded at once to their barracks at the works. After breakfast the troops formed in line and the command was given to clear away the mob and restore order. The troops were jeered and stoned, but they kept right on, using their riot sticks right and left and forcing the strikers and their sympathizers to move on.

The shooting took place soon after 8 o'clock, half a block from the office building of the steel company, where most of the violence had taken place yesterday morning and last night. Several men were arrested for dis-

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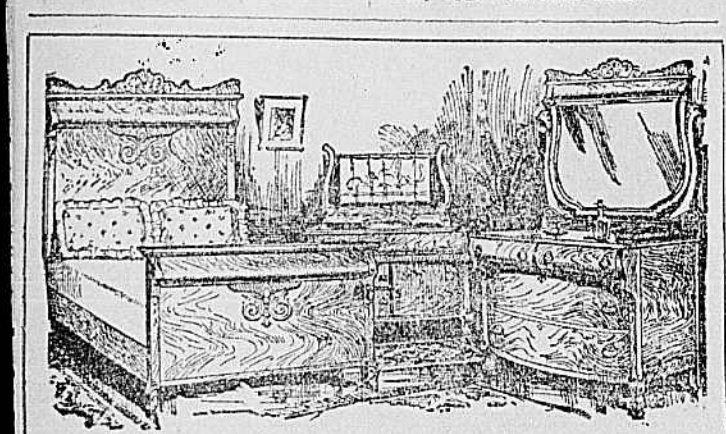
It Will Have 32,000 Tons Displacement and Be Equipped With Fourteen 14-Inch Guns. Ambitious Program Outlined.

Washington, February 26.—The building of a world's record-breaking battleship of no less than 32,000 tons displacement, at a cost of approximately \$18,000,000, and the making of the United States the leading naval power of the world, are planned by Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Meyer.

This Secretary Meyer is said to have told the members of the House Naval Committee to-day, was his ultimate plan, and what he would ask Congress to do next year. Members of the committee stated that the Secretary's radical plans for naval advancement were favorably received by the committee. The Secretary said that it was his purpose that the United States should not follow in the wake of any other nation in naval advancement, but that in essential particulars it should take the lead. The Secretary had reference to various features of improvement of the efficiency of ships and guns.

The giant battleship which Secretary Meyer wants to build waits until next year only because the naval experiments with 14-inch guns have not been completed and the department desires to know the result of full experiments before planning for the armament of the giant "Dreadnaught." Tentatively, it is planned to arm this great battleship with a battery of fourteen 14-inch guns after the latest type. It was tentatively agreed to-day by the committee that the naval increase this year, based on the Secretary's recommendations, should be as follows:

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Actress Becomes Wife of New York's Richest Widower.

WEDDING IS A SURPRISE

Only Close Relatives Knew Ceremony Was to Be Performed So Soon.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
New York, February 26.—Without notification to anybody except closest family relations, Eleanor Robson, actress, was married this afternoon to August Belmont, probably the richest widower in New York, at Miss Robson's home, 302 West Seventy-fourth Street. The ceremony was performed by Monsignor Lavelle, of the cathedral, Rev. Father Byrnes assisting.

There were no bridesmaids, no ushers. The best man was Mr. Belmont's classmate at Harvard, Arthur Lithgow Devons, of Boston. The bride was given away by her cousin, Charles Robinson Smith. The bride's mother, Mrs. Madge Carr Cook, and Mrs. August Belmont, Jr., Raymond and Morgan Belmont were in attendance. Outside of this circle nobody knew when the wedding was to take place.

Miss Robson spent her career in the light of publicity, and wished her last appearance to be as private as possible. None of her friends of some twelve years on the stage was invited to the strictly family ceremony. Nevertheless, messenger boys came bearing gifts and well wishes during the afternoon.

Refuses All Callers.
Mr. Belmont, who is a widower, fifty-seven years old, his wife died in Paris in 1908. She was the daughter of Edward Morgan, and granddaughter of the famous old merchant, John D. Morgan, of this city. He had three sons, August, who in 1905 married Miss Alice de Gelicour, of this city, and who the first of this year was admitted into the firm of August Belmont and Company, Raymond, recently graduated from Harvard, and Mordecai, in the banking house, and Mordecai, at St. Mark's School, Southboro, Mass.

"Since the death of his wife, Mr. Belmont has lived much alone, either in his house in East Thirty-fourth Street, or at his country seat at Hempstead, L. I. His sons have passed most of their lives either at boarding school or at college.

It has often been stated that the existence of the Subway, or at least Belmont's participation in it, was due to his desire to engage himself after his wife's death in something that would absorb all his time and attention. In this magnificent work he found a tract and absorption, and it may be said in passing, that since the Subway was completed upon his plans, not a foot has been added."

Servants of the Belmont and Robson households on different sides of the city were instructed to withhold all information regarding what was going forward. What is here presented is therefore from the accredited representatives of the principals of the wedding.

"White lilacs, yellow jonquils and palms decorated the front drawing-room to the left of the hall, transforming it into a floral bower. The ceremony was performed on the east side of the room, beneath a charming gown of heavy white silk, princess effect, with a draped skirt, fastened to one side with hand embroidery, Dutch neck and elbow sleeves, bodice trimmed with hand embroidery and princess gold lace.

Among Those Present.
"As both the bride and bridegroom have large circles of friends, and as the space afforded by Miss Robson's residence was woefully inadequate for a large reception, it was necessary to restrict the attendance to the immediate family. Among those present were Mrs. George Tiffany, Mr. Belmont's mother's sister, and Miss Tiffany, Mr. and Mrs. August Belmont, Jr., Raymond and Morgan Belmont, and Mrs. Perry Belmont, Mrs. Madge Carr Cook, Miss Ada Dwyer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson Smith, Miss Gortale Robinson Smith and Dr. Edward Streeter, of Boston.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Belmont left the city for a trip through the South. In March they will sail for the Mediterranean and return in time for the racing season at Belmont Park.

Wagons with flowers called frequently at the Robson home until late this evening.

TAFIS GOING TO BEVERLY.
Plans for Presidential Family at the Summer Capital.

Boston, February 26.—President Taft is coming to Beverly the first week in June, according to information received here. The summer White House, at Burgess Point, will have a number of interior improvements made, but little will be done to the structure or grounds.

A fine new conservatory has been erected for Mrs. Robert D. Evans, the owner of President Taft's summer home, and this will be used to supply flowers for the house during the summer.

Robert Taft is coming from Yale. Miss Helen Taft will come from Bryn Mawr and Charles from his uncle's school in Connecticut, as soon as the school closes. They will spend the whole summer at Beverly.

SOLDIER'S BODY FOUND.
Second Man Believed Murdered at Fort Worden Within a Week.

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ANOTHER VICTORY FOR INSURGENTS

Mena's Army Surrounds Forces of Romero and Puts Them to Flight.

Bluefields, February 26.—The silence of General Mena was broken to-day with a report of another victory for the arms of the provisionals. This time the engagement was fought at Morrito, a small town about midway on the east shore of Lake Nicaragua.

Mena surprised the government forces, who numbered 150, under General Pedro Romero. The fight lasted only fifteen minutes. General Romero and one soldier were killed and several of Romero's men were wounded. Only one of Mena's men was wounded.

Sixty prisoners were captured, including two telegraphers, and the provisionals also took booty which included eighty-six Remington rifles, 15,000 cartridges, 100 sacks of biscuit, 1,000 pounds of rice, 1,400 pounds of beans, 1,000 pounds of sugar, 200 pounds of meat, a large quantity of cheese, 100 pairs of shoes and sixty horses, with equipment.

Letters found in the government camp show that General Romero, who was apparently on his way to join General Vasquez, had been warned to look out for Mena.

The provisional leader, with 150 men, left Bluefields, February 22, General Vasquez and Mena returning. He began the march secretly at 11 o'clock at night, taking a roundabout route in a direction toward Morrito from the San Miguelito side. He remained in hiding all the next day, and resumed the march in the evening. Nearing Morrito he split his command into small parties, and these crept to the top of the hills around the valley in which General Romero was camping.

The weakness of Romero's position indicated how little head he was paying to the warning to look out for the 24th when it was still dark. Mena's men descended upon the camp, converging from all sides on the enemy.

Romero's forces were taken by complete surprise. They fired wildly for a quarter of an hour, and then fled in all directions. The insurgent forces followed them closely, and in the end Romero was found dead on the ground. He was full military honors at the grave.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: For Virginia—(Unsettled weather; Sunday and Monday, with a heavy rain; warmer Sunday; moderate to brisk southeast and south winds. For North Carolina—Local rains Sunday and Monday; moderate to brisk east winds.

CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.	
8 A. M. temperature.....	24
Humidity.....	74
Wind, direction.....	Northeast
Wind, velocity.....	3
12 noon temperature.....	41
3 P. M. temperature.....	47
Maximum temperature up to.....	48
Minimum temperature up to.....	34
Mean temperature.....	39
Normal temperature.....	34
Deficiency in temperature to-day.....	4
Deficiency in temperature since March 1.....	521
Accum. deficiency in temperature since January 1.....	20
Deficiency in rainfall since March 1.....	8.24
Accum. deficiency in rainfall since January 1.....	1.16

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.	
(At 8 P. M., Eastern Standard Time.)	
Place.	Ther. H. T. Weather.
Washington.....	52 54 Cloudy
Wilmington.....	48 50 Cloudy
Augusta.....	48 50 Cloudy
Charlotte.....	48 50 Cloudy
Mobile.....	48 50 Cloudy
Atlanta.....	48 50 Cloudy
Charleston.....	48 50 Cloudy
Savannah.....	48 50 Cloudy
Tampa.....	48 50 Cloudy
Jacksonville.....	48 50 Cloudy
Key West.....	48 50 Cloudy
Raleigh.....	48 50 Cloudy
Hatteras.....	48 50 Cloudy
New Orleans.....	48 50 Cloudy
Ashville.....	48 50 Cloudy
San Francisco.....	48 50 Cloudy
Jupiter.....	48 50 Cloudy

MINIATURE ALMANAC.	
February 27, 1910.	
Sun rises..... 6:16	HIGH TIDE.
Sun sets..... 6:30	Morning..... 1:06
Moon rises..... 6:30	Evening..... 7:21

Promptly Answers Trouble Calls

Many patrons of the Virginia Railway and Power Company do not appreciate the fact that the company keeps on duty all the time in its offices, Seventh and Main Streets, "trouble calls." Their duty is to answer calls from patrons whose lights or electric power may have given them trouble. For instance, if your light goes out, you call Madison 2400. Trouble department will be dispatched promptly to your home or place of business, and the trouble remedied. Many one is dispatched promptly to your home or place of business, and the trouble remedied. That if their lights should go out late at night or on Sundays that it would be impossible to have them fixed before the next day. This, however, is not the case as the "trouble men" are always on duty.

SERPENT'S TONGUE

Premier and Mrs. Asquith Turn Backs on Poet Watson.

WRITER OF VERSES "FROZEN"

Awkward Contretemps at Political Reception Furnishes Gossip in London.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
London, February 26.—A most awkward contretemps occurred at the big Liberal political reception given at the Wiltshire House just before the parliamentary session opened. Mrs. Asquith, whom William Watson chose to call "the Woman with the Serpent's Tongue," was brought face to face with the poet who thus designated her. If infuriated glances were dangerous, Watson would have fallen pierced a thousand times.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Churchill Guest were hosts at the reception, which really was a crush. The invitations, of which there were 3,000, were inscribed, "To meet the Prime Minister." The function being purely of a political character, the guest list was not revised by the hosts. The Premier stood beside the hostess and shook hands with everybody who arrived.

Mrs. Asquith, who was formerly Margery Tennant, and once a central figure in a rather aesthetic set, went to the reception early and took a place by her husband and Mrs. Guest.

Around them stood a group of Cabinet ministers and other prominent Liberal politicians. Everybody was very gay or assumed to be, in the presence of their party supporters.

Mrs. Asquith was all vivacity beaming on every one presented to her, whom she forgot the next moment, of course. Suddenly, a party footman announced most distinctly, as he is trained to do, "Mr. and Mrs. William Watson."

Asquith's wife was turned into a shapely pillar of ice, save that her fine eyes shot fire. A tense, appalled silence fell on the company. What was about to happen? Mr. and Mrs. Watson, advancing, shook hands with Mr. and Mrs. Guest. Then Watson, taking another step forward, bowed and held out his hand to the Premier.

Mr. Asquith's face flushed angrily, and so far from accepting the poet's hand, turned his back on him.

Mrs. Asquith's countenance crimsoned, then turned deadly pale, while she flashed looks of withering fury at the Watsons and turned away. They passed along into the crush and were lost.

FIGHT FIRE FOR HOURS.

Flames in New York Warehouse Threaten to Spread.

New York, February 26.—Firemen battled for more than five hours this morning with fire in a building stored with paper stock and rags between South and Water Streets. A great pall of smoke hung over that quarter of the city, enveloping the Manhattan end of Brooklyn Bridge. The spectacle was thrilling when flames burst through the roof of the burning structure, leaping up in tall pillars and turning the interior of the smoke pall to a lurid red.

The firemen had to work like leavers to prevent the spread of the fire throughout the block. This old section of the city is made of a jumble of nondescript buildings, many of them with shingle roofs, which were filled with inflammable materials, besides excellent tinder in themselves.

In spite of all the firemen could do the fire invaded a coal yard behind the warehouse, and the firemen were routed from the premises. The crowd, when a wall fell out in an avalanche of brick and blazing timbers.

STILL GOING UP

Prices of Food Will Soon Cut Power of Gold.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
New York, February 26.—In announcing to-day his complications of the increased cost of living for the week ending Saturday, February 19, Professor J. Pease Norton, the Yale University expert in trade statistics, states that if the present rate of increase is maintained the purchasing power of the gold dollar will have been cut in two by August, 1911.

Professor Norton, the professor says, "The index number advanced at an average yearly rate of 4 1/2 per cent. During the last year the rate of advance has been more than twice this figure. This increased rate of advance forebodes suggests that the gold standard is becoming progressively more unstable and makes the price movements of the immediate future of peculiar interest."

Professor Norton finds it necessary to go back to the time of the Civil War to find figures to compare with what he terms the "violent advance" in prices which still continues. Present conditions are paralleled, to some extent, he says, by the disturbed conditions produced by the greenback inflation. He finds that the increase in the cost of living at the present time over 1896 amounts to 66 per cent. compared with only 42 per cent. in England or a 60 per cent. greater increase.

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